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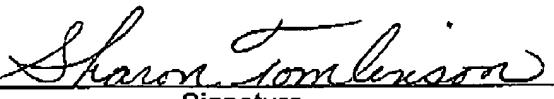
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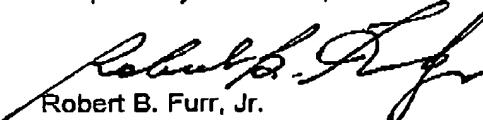
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Communication mailed March 13, 2006 (copy attached), Applicants provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-4, drawn to a melt extrusion spinneret plate, classified in class 425, subclass 464) with traverse. Although the three groups of claims are classified in different classes, Applicants do not believe it would be a burden for the Examiner to search both classes while examining all claims together. Please see MPEP §803.

Applicants believe no further fees are due. Nevertheless, should the Director determine that fees are due before the Examiner may consider this paper, such as a fee for an extension of time, such extension is requested and the Director is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 50-3223 (INVISTA) for the fee amount.

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